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Mr. Ross E. Butler, District Ranger
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Dear Mr. Butler:

Thank you for your letter of July 15, expressing interest in the Division's activities under the 1975 Mined Land Reclamation Act, in reference to the Box Creek clay mine.

As you probably know, all mines which were active on the effective date of this Act (6/17/75) and will remain active after July 1, 1977, are required to file a "Notice of Intention to Commence Mining" and a Reclamation Plan with this Division. From all indications the Box Creek mine falls into this category, thus the operator has until July 1, 1977 to fulfill this requirement.

To avoid operators filing with the Division all at the same time, just before the July '77 deadline, I am performing field inspections on known operations as soon as possible. Box Creek will be one of the mines which will be inspected, now that a copy of the operating plan is on file here. It will be helpful to have your representative present upon inspection, since the operation bridges the two ownerships. I will inform you as to when I will inspect this mine.

Presently, we are accepting reclamation plans from operators when they have prepared one for other agencies i.e. Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management, to avoid duplication efforts. The operating plan for Box Creek looks good in this respect, but the field inspection will bare this out further.

I look forward to working with you on this and other mines in the Richfield District.

Sincerely,

DIVISION OF OIL, GAS, AND MINING

RONALD DANIELS
COORDINATOR OF MINED LAND
RECLAMATION

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